

Abstract

Oral rinse and dentifrice compositions, comprising a phenolic selected from the group consisting of menthol, eucalyptol, methyl salicylate, thymol, triclosan, and mixtures thereof; and a cyclodextrin  
5 selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin, hydroxyethyl  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin, hydroxypropyl  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin, hydroxyethyl  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin,  $\alpha$ -cyclodextrin, methyl  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin, and mixtures thereof. These compositions are useful in retarding the development of plaque, treating gingivitis, and in treating the presence of micro-organisms in the  
10 oral cavity.